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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARKET RASEN.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitation of Market Rasen Urban District for the year 1945.

To the Chairman and members of the Market Rasen Urban District Council .

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report upon the health and sanitation of the Urban District as follows :-

Apart from quite severe epidemics of whooping cough and Measles during the months of May to July inclusive the general health of the District remained fairly good.

It will be noted that 86 cases of notifiable disease were recorded as against 5 in 1944. Two cases of death from notifiable decease were recorded - one from pulmonary tuberculosis and one from pneumonia.

No out-standing change has occurred in the housing or sanitary state of the district.

There were three deaths of infants under one year of age while the total births amounted to 47 as against 33 in 1944.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

Only 27 children were immunised during the year. The percentage of children protected against diphtheria is therefore still too low.

Area of District.		
Land.	972 acres.	
Water.	4 acres.	
Population.	2080.	
Habitable houses.	695.	
Rateable Value.	10,434.	
Number of Live Births.	19 male	28 female.
Illegitmate births.	2	4
Total deaths.	10	18
Deaths from all puerperal causes.	Nil.	
Still births.		1
Deaths of Infants under one year of age.	1	2
Notifiable Diseases.	Cases notified.	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		1
Tubercular glands.	1	
Scarlet Fever.		2
Whooping Cough.		43
Measles.		39
Causes of death. Civilians only.		
Tubercular Respratory system.		1
Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.		1
Cancer - Breast.		2
Cancer of all other sites.	1	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.	1	3
Heart Disease.		2
Bronchitis.		1
Other Digestive diseases.	2	1
Congenital Malformation at Birth.		1
All other causes.	4	2
Pneumonia.	1	
Diabetes.		1
Other Dis. of Circulatory System.	1	
Premature Birth.		1
Suicide.		1

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
R.J.R. MECREDY, M.A. B.Ch. B.A.O. D.P.H,
Medical Officer of Health.

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARKET RASEN.

Report of Work done by the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1945.

To the Chairman and members of the Market Rasen Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

With respect I herewith submit my Report of work in the District during the year ended the 31st December, 1945.

In several respects good progress has been made in the Public Health sphere. In local housing quite an amount of improvement has been possible. The adaption and installation of bathrooms in houses and provision of water closets, drainage improvements, notably ventilation and replacement of old and worn out service lines etc. There is still much room for further improvement, but quite an amount of retardation thereof, is experienced, due to restrictions brought about by building licensing and materials shortage. Closet conversion to water carriage are proceeding only slowly due to these unavoidable circumstances.

As the Council is aware, I have experienced for some long time difficulties with local Refuse Collection, though the Council's recent decision to put in operation early in the New Year, the purchase of motor vehicles, with a direct labour collection service, is very gratifying and a major improvement is bound to ensue in the early future.

Local Cow-keeping premises and dairies have received regular inspection during the year and though some premises are by no means perfect, the report for the year is of improved cleanliness and with very small contraventions of Regulations, which have forth-with been remedied.

Records of visits and inspections made during the year read :-

Public health inspections.	143
" " Re-inspections.	178
Inspections due to housing overcrowding.	3
Housing maintenance repairs.	16
Infectious disease.	21
Rooms disinfected.	14
Dirty houses.	2
Verminous premises.	5
Rooms Disinfested.	9
Articles destroyed for Vermin and Infectious disease.	3
Refuse Collections.	35
" Bins.	16
Factories.	8
Drainage.	32
" (testing)	9
Shops and Food.	18
Fried Fish shops.	3
Meat shops.	7
Bakehouses.	6
Cowsheds and Dairies.	36
Closets and Conveniences.	30
Rats and Mice.	4
Domestic Water Supply.	5
Various necessary matters not included above.	54

Food Inspection. I am glad to report no serious quantity of food has had to be withdrawn from sale, unfit for human consumption, a satisfying position, whilst shortages in supply remain so pressing. Regular inspection has been maintained throughout the year.
Various types of food including tinned meats, milk, vegetables, Fish, Confectionery, Jam, Sugar etc. were examined and a total weight of

59 lbs. were withdrawn from sale, unfit for human consumption.

Animal slaughter for food for sale locally has been small,in emergency cases only and on each occasion no such food required to be prevented sale. 88 lbs. of Home killed beef following examination at local shops, was withdrawn unfit for consumption due to bone-taint conditions.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN POTTS.

Sanitary Inspector.